(d) There is a statement once again, served persuant to the Civil Evidence Act 1968 from Mr. Majumdar's Secretary at the time saying that the letter was sent by fax that he personally delivered to an employee of Gold Rock who happened to be at STC on 21st May.....I do not regard the proving the authenticity of the document for reasons given by Brandon J in the Ferdinand Retz. Lav. Which I have already mentioned. (para 14, lines 25 to 29).

Toklai Tea Research Centre, Jorhat

5192. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to improve the Toklai Tea Research Centre at Jorhat;

(b) what steps have been taken to improve the research work in this premier organisation;

(c) whether Government propose to hand it over to ICAR in the near future?

(d) what steps have been taken for improving the conditions of workers; and

(e) whether Government propose to provide help to the small tea producers in Assam with it latest discoveries?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Government has sanctioned five Research Schemes under the 9th Plan for Toklai Tea Research Centre at Jorhat in addition to providing grants-in-aid on regular basis.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Steps taken for improving the conditions of the workers include implementation of the recommendations of Fifth Pay Commission as well as the Recruitment & Promotion Rules as followed by CSIR etc.

(e) Tea Research Association is extending benfits of its research activities to small tea growers of Assam who are its members.

Industries Set up and Closed Down

5193. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state: